

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a A bathing aid is designed to reduce the workload on the caregiver in bathing the physically challenged, elderly or similar persons requiring nursing care. ~~In an embodiment of the invention, the~~ The bathing aid is provided with an upward-opening ~~cover 16~~ cover for covering the open ~~top 12a~~ top of the ~~bathtub 12~~ bathtub except for an opening for allowing the ~~bather P~~ bather to stick their head through. The ~~cover 16~~ cover is supported by ~~arms 18~~ arms urged upward by gas ~~springs 19~~ springs. The upward-opening ~~cover 16~~ cover allows the caregiver to stand whichever side of the ~~bathtub 12~~ bathtub and opens or closes the ~~cover 16~~ cover without difficulty. Furthermore, the cover's upward-opening structure is advantageous for reducing the installation space because it does not require the additional side space that would be necessary if the cover is constructed to open sideward.